(d) Safety and security is a State subject. The Ministry of Tourism has advised the State Governments/UTs for deployment of Tourism Police to take adequate measures for the safety of tourists at all important tourist centres/destinations.

Deaths of tourists on sea beaches in Goa

829. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in number of deaths, specially of tourists, taking place on the sea beaches of Goa;

(b) the number of such deaths reported in last three years;

(c) whether Government have issued any instructions and/or given any financial assistance to State Government to equip themselves with necessary mechanism to minimize such deaths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Details for the last three years are as follows:

Year	No. of persons drowned
2003	72
2004	50
2005	44

(c) and (d) No proposal has been received from the State Government for financial assistance in this regard. Although the safety and security of tourists is a State subejct, the National Institute of Water Sports, Goa which is an autonomous society under the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has issued advisory safety norms in respect of general water sports, which includes scuba diving and river rafting. Advisory guidance has also been given to the State Government of Goa by India tourism, Mumbai.